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A SENSATION IN PETERSBURG

James W. Cocke Arrested for Robbing Drug Store Safe.

IMPROVE THE COURTHOUSE.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, Va., May 30.—James W. Cocke, who is charged with robbing the safe of W. E. Brown's drug store, was before the Mayor this morning. His case, at his own request, was continued, in order to allow him to secure counsel. Seven witnesses were recognized for the trial, including the chief of the fire department, W. E. Brown, the robbed druggist; his head clerk, and several other well known men, were recognized for their appearance at the trial.

UNDER ARREST.

Cocke was arrested last night at his home, on High Street, on a warrant, which charges him with the larceny of ninety-five dollars from W. E. Brown, the cash drawer of whose safe was found broken after the fire in his drug store, early on the morning of Sunday, May 28. All the money in the safe was drawn, amounting to one hundred and twenty dollars, including several Columbia half dollars and other coins in a small toy bank, belonging to one of Mr. Brown's children, was missing.

The accused is now in jail, and has as yet made no application for bail, the amount of which has not been fixed, nor has he employed counsel, so far as can be learned.

Mr. Cocke, who was formerly proprietor of the robbed drug store, is well known and highly connected here, and his arrest has created quite a sensation.

IMPROVE COURTHOUSE.

Extensive improvements are to be made in Petersburg's City Hall, the "courthouse on the hill."

Mr. Charles W. Walsh, chairman of the Public Property Committee, will present to the Council at the meeting next Tuesday plans for the heating of the courthouse from a hot water plant to be installed in the city jail near the building and for the refitting and general renovation of the Council chamber, Hustings Court room and other public rooms in the building. The plans also provide for the improvement of the offices of the commissioner of revenue, tax collector and the city officials in a smaller building next to the courthouse. It is expected that the work will be completed by October or November.

REUNION DELEGATES.

Dr. W. E. Harwood, of this city, who is grand commander of the Virginia Division, United Confederate Veterans, has appointed the following delegates from the State to the fifteenth reunion of the U. C. V. in Louisville in June: Judge George L. Christian, Richmond, Va.; General Stith Bolling, Petersburg; Major John W. Daniel, Lynchburg; General James McGill, Pulaski; Colonel Thomas C. Morton, Staunton; Colonel James M. Neal, Danville; Colonel Thomas W. Smith, Suffolk; Colonel R. R. Henry, Tazewell; Judge John H. Fulton, Wytheville, and Judge John C. Ewell, Bertland.

HEAVY HAIL STORM.

The Stones Break Glass in the Main Building at Miller School.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MILLER SCHOOL, Lynchburg, Va., May 30.—Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, preached here Sunday. Mrs. Mitchell accompanied him, but she did not preach. The Young Men's Christian Association topic for Sunday evening was the "Great Commission."

Charles E. Hamner and Eugene P. Brown were the speakers. Miss Helen M. Conle, representing the Young Woman's Christian Association of Virginia, was here a part of last week. There was a heavy rain and hail storm here Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The hail was a heavy average in size and cracked quite a number of glasses in the main building.

Mr. Charles C. Cook went to Richmond, Va., Saturday, to be gone several days. He will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. Fletcher.

Frankie Page, of Roanoke, Va., is a guest of Mr. D. H. Page. The boys are so busy with examinations that they have no time to get a "grin."

PREPARING WELCOME.

Montague Political Club Will Give Governor Reception.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 30.—The Montague Political Club is making preparations for the entertainment of Governor Montague when he visits this city next Saturday to deliver an address in the interests of his candidacy for United States senator. He will speak in Landon's Opera House Saturday night.

Unidentified Stranger.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, Va., May 30.—All efforts to ascertain the identity of the stranger who committed suicide here yesterday have been in vain today, though it is believed that the "stranger" was a man who came to the city yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Pendleton from Mrs. Nellie Davies, of East Liberty, Pa., may result in clearing up the mystery to-morrow. The remains were interred today by the local order of Eagles, and this order is resorting to every known means to ascertain who the dead man is.

Miss Rebecca Grawwitt, of Prince George county, is visiting Mrs. L. B. Morris, on Grace Street.

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HOGS CADETS ABOLISH HAZING

Hold a Mass Meeting and Decide to Cut it Out.

EXCITING COMPETITIVE DUEL

Hoge-Pryor Literary Society Debate—Commencement Exercises.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLACKSTONE, Va., May 30.—One of the most striking features of the closing of Hoge Memorial Military Academy this year was the fact that the student body at a mass-meeting passed resolutions abolishing all forms of hazing from the Academy, pledging themselves not to do any of it themselves or allowing any others to practice it. The cadets were most enthusiastic in the work and praise of the Academy and their teachers. A very large proportion of them will return next year and promise to bring many of their associates with them. These cadets take with them to their homes the esteem and respect of the community generally and they will be welcomed on their return.

Final Exercises.

The commencement exercises were celebrated this week, beginning with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday by the Rev. D. K. Waltham, of Richmond, Va., pastor of the Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church. The services were held in the Presbyterian Church, which was filled to its utmost capacity by the many friends of the cadets and the institution.

Dr. Waltham Preached Again to the Cadets.

Y. M. C. A. Monday morning the final drills were held. First, the competitive drill between the two companies of cadets. These companies had had two drills before, each winning one. The interest was intense and the large audience in attendance showed a strain under which they labored. After half an hour's drill by each company, the cadets awarded the flag to company A, Cadet Captain T. S. Hawkes, of Wellville, Va.

BEST DRILLED MAN.

After this drill the drill for the best individual drilled cadet in the corps was held, for which a gold medal had been offered. At this it seemed that the judges would be unable to make a decision. The cadets were thrown out until only three remained. Irvin, of Lexington, Va.; Eanes, of Petersburg, Va., and Beville, of Blackstone, Va. The medal was finally awarded to Cadet W. P. Irvin, of Lexington, Va.

The Sham Battle Which Followed Proved Most Entertaining to the Spectators.

The cadets dressed in the summer uniform of khaki, entered into the battle with great enthusiasm, acquitting themselves with great credit.

LITERARY CELEBRATION.

At night the celebration of the Hoge-Pryor Literary Society was held in the music hall, at which the cadets rendered declamations, debated the question: Resolved, That Education Exerts Greater Influence than Wealth. This debate was spirited and animated. The large audience of about eight hundred gave the speakers earnest attention and enthusiastic support.

After the Debate the Cadets Delivered the Oration, Competing for the Medal.

The judges awarded the cadets' medal to Cadet J. M. Fitzgerald, deciding the debate in favor of the negative; the orator's medal was awarded to Cadet E. C. Inge. These medals were most happily delivered by Rev. W. C. Boggs, Rev. Dr. Lacy and Dr. T. P. Epps.

FINALS EXERCISES.

On Tuesday the final exercises were held in the music hall, in which a most inspiring address to the graduating class was delivered by the Hon. J. T. McCall, of Hot Springs, Va. After the address the delivery of distinctions, medals and diplomas were awarded. It was a notable fact that fully 72 per cent. of the cadets received distinctions on most of their studies. The graduates of the class of twelve men—E. B. Eanes, of Petersburg, Va.; M. D. Epps, of Blackstone, Va.; J. M. Fitzgerald, of Blackstone, Va.; W. D. Foster, of Williamsburg, Va.; T. S. Hawkes, of Wellville, Va.; E. C. Inge, of Blackstone, Va.; J. H. Irby, of Blackstone, Va.; O. T. Kean, of Botham, Va.; T. W. Moore, of Warrenton, N. C.; Barclay Preston, of Franklin, Va.; W. H. Robertson, of Blackstone, Va.; H. G. Thayer, of Charleston, W. Va.

This session of the Academy is universally conceded to have been the most successful in the history of the Academy. Every department in the Academy made a most marked showing and the improvement of the cadets has been gratifying.

Alumni to Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Randolph-Macon Alumni Association of Richmond will meet at the Hotel Richmond at the Westmoreland Club on Friday evening in their annual banquet. The occasion will bring together many distinguished alumni of the college, who will hear a brilliant address by Rev. William H. Joyce, of Lynchburg, Va., an orator medallist of the college. Other addresses will be made by alumni and honorary members of the society, and Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Fairfax, will make a statement of the college endowment movement. President Robert Emory Blackwell, of the college at Ashland, and President W. A. Stevens, of the Randolph-Macon system, are also expected to be present. Hon. Claude A. Swanson, an alumnus of the college and an honorary member of the Richmond society, was invited to attend, but was unable to do so, owing to previous engagements. Harwood, of this city, was unable to attend and many friends in the society.

Letters From Mr. Stevens.

Letters are received almost every day from Mr. George W. Stevens and party, who are now touring Europe. The party is still in Paris, but will cross to London next Monday, and will be in the city until June 15th in England, Scotland and Ireland, sailing for home on the 18th and arriving here seven or eight days later. All the party are well and greatly enjoying the trip.

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Successful Operation.

Mr. H. McGuire Bigger, well known here, and a former clerk at the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk, has been operated on for appendicitis at the Virginia Hospital. Mr. Bigger's operation, performed by Dr. Hugh M. Taylor, was most successful, and he is expected to get on all right.

The Hamburg Second.

(By Associated Press.)
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Dr. Frank J. Steel has returned to the city much improved in health, and is staying with his father.

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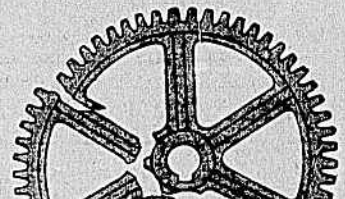
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Young Preachers Licensed.

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No Tobacco Sales.

There were no sales of leaf tobacco on the Exchange yesterday. No farmers brought fresh tobacco to town, and the day being a holiday, all sales were called off. The breaks will probably be large this morning, as all the warehouses have been receiving many packages by rail in the last few days. The market closed last week dull and droopy on all grades except secured wrappers. They were selling well, and it is expected that the prices will be held up on them this week.

Will Repeat Recital.

In response to many requests, Mrs. W. B. Thurston has consented to repeat her commencement programme at the Academy of Music on Friday evening, June 2d, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. The readings will be the same as on the night of commencement. The aesthetic drills, which were omitted on that occasion, will be given, and the military drill, with Miss Bailey as captain, will be repeated. Several new and attractive features will also be added.

Statement of Earnings.

The April statement of earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway shows a gain in gross earnings of \$31,817 and total gross earnings for the month of \$1,073,776.31 and net earnings of \$355,325.55. The total gross earnings for the ten months of the fiscal year were \$17,081,355.75, an increase of \$1,333,469.73. Net earnings for the ten months were \$5,101,543.20, an increase over the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year of \$725,696.

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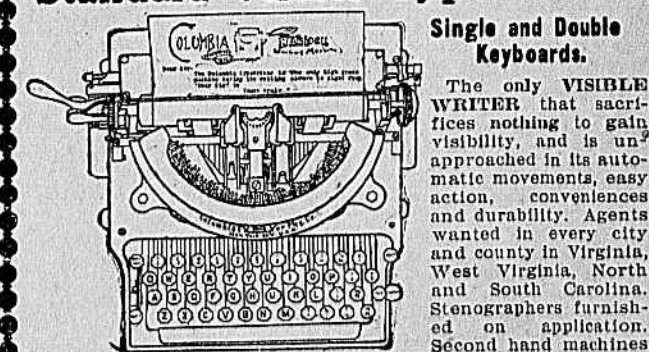
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